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1. On 27 November 1946, 30,000 to 40,000 Soviet troops arrived in Rathenow (Z15) from the East. The troops withdrawn from Rathenow were sent by rail via Dresden toward Czechoslovakia; some went to the Polish border area.

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2. According to Gostrow (T-98) railroad workers, tanks and guns of the Fifth Shock Army are being shipped via Magdeburg and Chemnitz toward Czechoslovakia. (Comment: Sources do not state specifically whether movements are toward or directly to Czechoslovakia. The original phrases are "Ueber Dresden nach dem Tschechisch-Slowakischen Raum" and "zum Tschechisch-Slowakischen Raum über Magdeburg Chemnitz".)

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3. On 14-15 November 1946, an armored division, originally scheduled to go to Russia from Furstenwalde (V33) was transferred to Oranienbaum (E26). The troops received new uniforms and some new tanks before departure.

4. Armored units from Stendal, Osterburg, Gardelegen, and Arna are being replaced by other armored units with newer, heavier tanks.

5. A casual source quotes a Soviet Major as saying that the movements constitute a general transfer; that replacements will be made at locations recently evacuated.

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